New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Historic Preservation Office

## -959113409 **PROPERTY REPORT** Property ID: Ownership: Private Property Name: 46 Maplewood Avenue Address: **46 MAPLEWOOD AVE ZIP:** 08512 Apartment #: **PROPERTY LOCATION(S):** County: **Municipality:** Local Place Name: USGS Quad: Block: Lot: MIDDLESEX Cranbury township 33 11

Property Photo:



Old HSI Number:

**NRIS Number:** 

HABS/HAER Number: 56

## **Description:**

PS&S recommends that 46 Maplewood Avenue, perhaps constructed as early as the late 18th century and substantially altered in the late 20th century, is a non-contributing property in the Cranbury Historic District.

The 2-story, gable-roofed, rectangular plan, main block on a covered foundation of this aluminum siding-clad, frame residence is 2 bays wide and 4 bays deep and is fronted on the northwest by a 1-story, hip-roofed volume and backed by a large, 2 ½-story, gable-roofed addition. An enclosed, partial-width, 1-story, hip-roofed porch is located on the southwest side of the main volume. The roofs throughout are clad in asphalt shingle and the windows predominantly have replaced 1/1 vinyl sash with applied shutters. An exterior, added, concrete block chimney projects from the southwest bay of the northwest elevation of the rear volume. The northwest, main elevation is lighted by a 4-light bay window on the first floor of the 1-story volume and a single window in the northeast bay of the second floor of the main block. The primary entrance to the residence is located on the southwest elevation of the 1-story volume. The southwest, side elevation is lighted by a 3-light central window in the additional volume with a single window on each side. The second floor is lighted by 2 windows. The addition includes a secondary entrance in the central bay and a small fixed window on the first floor. The southeast, rear elevation is not visible from the public right-of-way. The northeast, side elevation is lighted by a window in the front volume and 2 windows on each floor of the main block. The addition is lighted by a single casement window on the first floor.

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Historic maps indicate that Maplewood Avenue remained largely undeveloped until after the middle of the 19th century. Historic maps and aerial photographs suggest that this residence was constructed after 1850. It appears in the 1876 Everts and Stewart map as the property of "G. G. Vorhees." It was inventoried in the 1980 National Register Nomination for the Cranbury Historic District as dating to the late 18th century, and as altered, but with "18th century characteristics." The building is detailed in the 1933 Sanborn map corresponds to the front of the dwelling today: a 1 ½-story, main block fronted by porch on the northwest with a 1-story side porch on the southwest. The 1974 photographic inventory of Cranbury historic buildings in the collection of the Cranbury Historical and Preservation Society shows the building's northeast and northwest elevation much as it appears today with the exception of a brick ridge chimney which was located at the southeast end of the 1½-story block. Historic aerial photographs do not clearly document the date of the rear addition, but strongly suggest it was added to the building by 1940, and is certainly present in 1957. Visual evidence indicates that the brick chimney present in 1974 was removed after that date and that the building has been re-clad and the windows replaced within approximately the last 2 decades.

This property is a non-contributing property in the historic district by virtue of the building's loss of integrity from extensive alterations, in which all historic exterior materials were replaced and the historic massing of the building was significantly altered by an overscaled addition. While some portion of this building may retain 18th-century fabric, there is no visible evidence on the exterior that this is the case.

## Setting:

Maplewood Avenue is an approximately half-mile long primarily residential street that connects N. Main Street, to the northwest, to Route 130, to the northeast. Maplewood runs parallel to N. Main Street between Scott Ave. and Park Place, after which it turns to the northeast to form a southwest extension of Cranbury-South River Road.



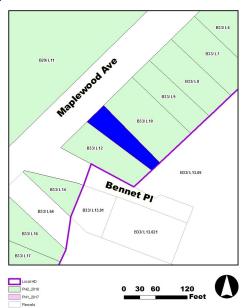
SHPO Opinion: Local Designation: 9/26/1988 Other Designation: Other Designation Date:

□ Is this Property an identifiable farm or former farm?

Eligibility Worksheet included in present survey?

Location Map:

Site Map:





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